Indian militants operating from Bangladesh

1734. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has acknowledged the possibility of Indian militants operating from its soil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) During the Home Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh held on 2-3 August 2007, in response to the concerns raised by the Indian side in this regard, the Bangladesh side reiterated its position that it does not and would not allow its territory to be used by elements inimical to the interests of India.

Both sides agreed to the need for real time exchange of actionable information between security agencies, and to initiate swift action on information received about groups and elements and other fugitives from the law of either country taking shelter in the other country. The Government will continue to share information with the Bangladesh authorities and solicit them cooperation in this regard.

Cases of fire in Delhi

†1735. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise details of the incidents of fire occurred in Delhi, particularly in the residential and commercial areas of Chandni Chowk in Old Delhi during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have taken any measures to check such incidents after ascertaining the reasons causing fire in Delhi, particularly in the residential and commercial areas of Chandni Chowk; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Information on details of major fire incidents in Delhi registered by Delhi Police is as under:–

2004 - 49

2005 - 52

2006 - 52

2007 - 32

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Information regarding fire incidents in the residential and commercial areas of Chandni Chowk region of old Delhi is as under:–

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Residential Area	01	04	07	02
Commercial Area	07	09	18	07

(b) and (c) Fire safety awareness campaign through electronic a well as print media is launched at regular intervals especially during summer season and festival season. Apart from this, regular educative programmes for school children are organized.

Missing children in the country

1736. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Children Missing', reported to police stations, in the country during last three years, year-wise and their disposal;

(b) out of above the number and percentage of children recovered, year-wise;

(c) the corresponding number of FIRs registered for 'kidnapping/abduction of children' in India and recovery/disposal thereof, year-wise;

(d) what is estimate of NHRC/NGOs regarding number and human tragedy of missing children;

(e) what is Government's reaction regarding apathy/negligence of Police;

(f) the total number of gangs involved in kidnapping/trafficking/selling of children; and

(g) what steps/legislation do Government contemplate therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Specific information in this regard is not maintained centrally since 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects and the primary responsibility of detection, registration, investigation and prosecution as well as prevention of crime and maintenance of law and order lies with the State Governments and UT Administrations. The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles crime statistics on the basis of First Information Reports received by the police in the country. As missing of persons is not a cognizable crime, NCRB does not collect statistical information in this regard.

NCRB receives case information from States/UTs on missing children for the purpose of coordination only. As the States generally do not report back whether any person has been traced back on the basis of result of coordination, the information is not complete.

(c) A statement containing the details of number of cases registered of kidnapping and abduction of children, number of cases charge-sheeted, and number of cases convicted is enclosed (*See* below).